

UNION INN, Bowling Green, June 6th. 1798.

At a Meeting of the MEASHAM and OAKTHORPE ASSOCIATION held this day,

The following Declarations. Oath and Resolutions, were severally read, adopted, signed, and the same ordered to be Printed and Distributed.

Declarations,

1st. **T**HAT being convinced it is our duty to assist the Executive Government in protecting our Laws and Constitution, — We declare that we have enrolled ourselves in this Corps, and do confirm it by signing our Names hereunder, for the protection of Property, and the preservation of Tranquility in the Parish of *Measham*, and Township of *Oakthorpe*; and do agree, and abide by our former Declaration in assisting (if necessary) the Association of *Ashby*, *Packington* and *Willesley*, to quell any Riot, to restore Tranquility in their respective Parishes, when we can leave *Measham* with propriety, as shall be determined by a Majority of this Association,

2nd. That it is our determination to provoke no one by insult, but in every situation to demean ourselves as peaceful Inhabitants, and good Subjects, and, that the World may judge of the purity of our intentions, we have severally taken and subscribed the Oath following.

Oath.

I — A. B. — do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to his MAJESTY KING GEORGE, and that I will support the Constitution of my Country as established by Law.

So help me God.

Resolutions.

1st. That as the most perfect confidence in each other is absolutely essential to the existence and prosperity of the Corps, any ten Gentlemen may sign a requisition to the Commanding Officer for a Ballot of the whole Corps on any Name which they wish to have erased from the Roll, and the Majority on such Ballot shall determine whether the Name shall be retained or erased.

2nd. That the Corps will (until a future Regulation shall take place) meet to Exercise every Evening (Sunday excepted) at Seven o'Clock by the Cotton Mill Clock of *Measham*, at the Bowling Green at the Union Inn, or such place as shall be appointed by the Association at the time of their respective Meetings, and that every Volunteer who does not appear on Parade at the place so appointed, shall on his next appearance there forfeit *Three-pence*, unless prevented by sickness or lameness.

3d. That any Volunteer coming intoxicated to Parade, shall for every offence forfeit *One Shilling*.

4th. That any Gentleman Swearing on Parade, shall for every offence forfeit *Three-pence*.

- 5th. That any Gentleman talking during Exercise, except for the purpose of obtaining information from his Officer or Serjeant, shall for each offence forfeit *Three-pence*.
- 6th. That if any Gentleman who has enrolled, or may hereafter enrol his Name, shall withdraw himself from the Corps without previously assigning such reasons as shall in the opinion of a Majority of the Corps be deemed sufficient for his so doing, he shall be deemed a *Coward* and voted to *Coventry*.
- 7th. That every Question subject to the decision of the Corps (except such as shall be within the meaning of the next Resolution) shall be determined by the Majority present at the time of its arising, or at such time as the Majority shall then fix for determining the same.
- 8th. That the payment of all Fines supposed to be incurred by all or any of the Volunteers when at their Post, shall be determined by the eight Gentlemen nearest on the Right and Left Hand of the Person considered liable to pay the same immediately on his being charged with the Offence subjecting him thereto.
- 9th. That every Regulation or Resolution which shall hereafter be thought necessary, either for the alteration or improvement of the Rules for the Government of this Corps, shall be given in Writing to the Commanding Officer, to be by him read to the Corps on the next Parade for their consideration, until the same day in the following Week, on which the same shall be so communicated, when the Corps shall determine as to the adoption or rejection of such Regulation or Resolution as originally proposed, or as the same may be then altered.
- 10th. That if any Gentleman be absent from the place of Exercise after standing at Ease without the permission of the Commanding Officer, when the Drum has beat the Long Roll, he shall forfeit *Three-pence*.
- 11th. That every Volunteer divulging any Transactions of the Corps, that shall by a Majority thereof be considered injurious thereto, shall forfeit, and subject himself to the payment of *Ten Shillings*.

That being fully sensible of the honour and obligation conferred upon us by the Assiduities of the EARL OF MOIRA, in obtaining his Majesty's approbation of our Association, and assisting us in the formation of our united Corps of Cavalry and Infantry – We resolve, to be ready on all occasions, to act for the Protection of his Lordships Property and Residence at *Donington-Park*, and to Preserve Tranquility there, as if the same were situate within the original limits of our Association; and that a Copy of this Resolution be transmitted by one of our Officers to his Lordship.



JUNE 6TH, 1798.

Measham Volunteer Infantry.

DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
OF THE CORPS.

Handwritten notes and signatures, including names like "Measham" and "Volunteer Infantry", and dates like "June 6th 1798".